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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/774,021

) Examiner: To be assigned

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For: GENOTYPING BY MASS SPECTROMETRIC ANALYSIS OF SHORT DNA FRAGMENTS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in conjunction with the divisional application filed on January 31, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace paragraph 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/198,340 filed

November 24, 1998, abandoned. The U.S. Government retains certain rights in this invention due to funding of grant CA43460 awarded by the National Institutes of Health.]

REMARKS

The above amendment has been presented to insert Applicants' claim for priority of a related application. Entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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